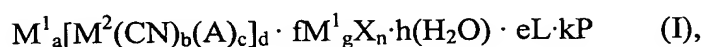


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 10 (New): A process for preparing at least one alkoxylate, which comprises bringing at least one alkylene oxide selected from the group consisting of ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, butylene oxide, pentylene oxide, and decene oxide into contact with at least one monofunctional linear or branched alcohol having from 2 to 24 carbon atoms in the presence of at least one double metal cyanide compound of the general formula (I):



where

- M^1 is at least one metal ion selected from the group consisting of Zn^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Co^{3+} , Ni^{2+} , Mn^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Sn^{2+} , Pb^{2+} , Mo^{4+} , Mo^{6+} , Al^{3+} , V^{4+} , V^{5+} , Sr^{2+} , W^{4+} , W^{6+} , Cr^{2+} , Cr^{3+} , Cd^{2+} , Hg^{2+} , Pd^{2+} , Pt^{2+} , V^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , Ba^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , La^{3+} , Ce^{3+} , Ce^{4+} , Eu^{3+} , Ti^{3+} , Ti^{4+} , Ag^+ , Rh^{2+} , Rh^{3+} , Ru^{2+} , and Ru^{3+} ;
- M^2 is at least one metal ion selected from the group consisting of Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Co^{2+} , Co^{3+} , Mn^{2+} , Mn^{3+} , V^{4+} , V^{5+} , Cr^{2+} , Cr^{3+} , Rh^{3+} , Ru^{2+} , and Ir^{3+} ;
- A and X are each, independently of one another, an anion selected from the group consisting of halide, hydroxide, sulfate, carbonate, cyanide, thiocyanate, isocyanate, cyanate, carboxylate, oxalate, nitrate, nitrosyl, hydrogensulfate, phosphate, dihydrogenphosphate, hydrogenphosphate, and hydrogencarbonate;

- L is a water-miscible ligand selected from the group consisting of alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, ethers, polyethers, esters, polyesters, polycarbonate, ureas, amides, primary, secondary and tertiary amines, ligands having a pyridine nitrogen, nitriles, sulfides, phosphides, phosphites, phosphanes, phosphonates, and phosphates;
- k is a fraction or integer greater than or equal to 0;
- P is an organic additive;
- a, b, c, d, g and n are selected so that the compound (I) is electrically neutral, wherein c may be equal to 0;
- e is the number of ligand molecules and is a fraction or integer greater than or equal to 0;
- f and h are each, independently of one another, a fraction or integer greater than or equal to 0;

wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of from 130°C to 155°C.

Claim 11 (New): The process according to claim 10, wherein

- (1) M^1 is selected from the group consisting of Zn^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Co^{3+} , Ni^{2+} , Mn^{2+} , and Co^{2+} ; or

(2) M^2 is selected from the group consisting of Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , and Co^{3+} .

Claim 12 (New): The process according to claim 10, wherein M^1 is Zn^{2+} and M^2 is Co^{3+} .

Claim 13 (New): The process according to claim 10, wherein the at least one alkylene oxide is ethylene oxide or propylene oxide.

Claim 14 (New): The process according to claim 10, wherein the alcohol is a Guerbet alcohol.

Claim 15 (New): The process according to claim 10, wherein the alcohol is 2-propylheptanol or an isomer mixture thereof.

Claim 16 (New): The process according to claim 10, wherein the sum of inert gas partial pressure and alkylene oxide partial pressure is from 1.5 bar to 6.0 bar during the induction phase.